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RE CUBA (SYG APPEAL)

FOLLOWING ARE THREE POSSIBLE VERSIONS OF TYPE OF REPLY I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE FROM YOU TO U THANT APPEALS TOMORROW AFTERNOON. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT US NOT APPEAR BEFORE WORLD OPINION AS REJECTING OR APPEARING TO REJECT U THANT PROPOSAL.

SENTENCE IN STATEMENT READING "I BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE SAME END IF THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR MILITARY FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS IN CUBA COULD BE SUSPENDED DURING THE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS." WAS INCLUDED AT MY SPECIFIC REQUEST. I THINK THIS CHANGES HIS ORIGINAL APPEAL TO YOU TO POINT WHERE IT IS FAVORABLE TO OUR INTERESTS.

I WILL HAVE FURTHER COMMENTS FOR YOU IN THE MORNING.

VERSION I

QUOTE.

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE SPIRIT WHICH PROMPTED YOUR MESSAGE OF TODAY.

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AS WE MADE CLEAR IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY THE EXISTING THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD WAS CREATED BY THE SECRET INTRODUCTION OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS INTO CUBA. THE FIRST TASK SHOULD BE TO ASSURE THE NATIONS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE THAT THAT THREAT HAS BEEN REMOVED.

PROVIDED THAT THE USSR SUSPENDS ITS ARMS SHIPMENTS AND THE ERECTION OF MISSILES AND CONSTRUCTION OF SITES IN CUBA AND THAT SATISFACTORY UNITED NATIONS GUARANTEES OF COMPLIANCE ARE PUT INTO EFFECT, I WOULD BE WILLING TO SUSPEND THE QUARANTINE DURING THE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT YOU SUGGEST.

I AM ASKING AMBASSADOR STEVENSON TO BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH YOU AT ANY TIME IN ORDER TO WORK OUT THE MODALITIES UNDER WHICH IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THESE SUSPENSIONS TO TAKE PLACE.

UNQUOTE.

VERSION II

QUOTE.

1. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE SPIRIT WHICH PROMPTED YOUR MESSAGE OF TODAY AND I WELCOME YOUR GOOD OFFICES.

2. AS WE MADE CLEAR IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY, THIS THREAT WAS CREATED BY THE SECRET INTRODUCTION OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS INTO CUBA. THE FIRST TASK SHOULD BE TO ASSURE THE NATIONS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AGAINST THAT THREAT. IN YOUR TELEGRAM YOU REFER TO THE VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF ALL ARMS SHIPMENTS TO CUBA AND THE VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF THE QUARANTINE MEASURES FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS TO GIVE TIME TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO MEET AND DISCUSS WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. IN YOUR STATEMENT

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BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL YOU ALSO REFERRED TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR MILITARY FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS IN CUBA DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

3. I AM PREPARED TO ACCEPT THESE SUGGESTIONS, PROVIDED THE SOVIET UNION DOES THE SAME. I HAVE INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR STEVENSON TO BE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME TO DISCUSS, AS YOU SUGGEST, THE MODALITIES UNDER WHICH SUCH SUSPENSIONS COULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT. THESE MODALITIES MUST INCLUDE UN GUARANTEES OF COMPLIANCE.

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DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR COMMUNICATION OF OCTOBER 24, AND WELCOME YOUR CONCERN AND INTEREST IN MOVING TO RESOLVE THE GRAVE PROBLEM WHICH HAS BEEN BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL THE LAST THREE DAYS. I HAVE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY YOUR STATEMENT OF LAST NIGHT TO THE COUNCIL, IN WHICH YOU SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS;
- (2) VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF ALL ARMS SHIPMENTS TO CUBA;
- (3) VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF THE QUARANTINE MEASURES INVOLVING THE SEARCHING OF SHIPS BOUND FOR CUBA;
- (4) SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR MILITARY FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS DURING THE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS.

ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES, I AM GLAD TO ACCEPT THE OFFER

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YOU HAVE MADE OF YOUR OWN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISCUSSIONS YOU HAVE PROPOSED, BEGINNING WITH A DISCUSSION OF MODALITIES. I AM ASKING AMBASSADOR STEVENSON TO CONFER WITH YOU IMMEDIATELY, WITH A VIEW TO COMMENCING THE NECESSARY TALKS.

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